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SUBJECT: LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE -- ADOPTION OF CREDENTIALS
COMMITTEE REPORT

1. MARCH 28 CONFERENCE UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED REPORT OF
CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE WHICH RECOMMENDED ACCEPTANCE OF
CREDENTIALS OF ALL STATES AND NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVE-
MENTS ATTENDING.

2. FINAL TEXT OF REPORT CONTAINED FOLLOWING RESERVATIONS
BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

A) ON GVN, LENGTHY AND POLEMICAL RESERVATION BY
CZECHOSLOVAKIA, WITH WHICH IRAQ, SENEGAL, AND MADAGASCAR
ASSOCIATED SELVES. (CAMEROON REGRETTED PRG ABSENCE BUT
EXPLICITLY DISCLAIMED ANY INTENT TO QUESTION GVN
CREDENTIALS);

B) ON GKR, IRAQ, SENEGAL, AND MADAGASCAR HELD THAT
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"REPRESENTATIVE OF PRINCE NORODOM SIHANOUK" SHOULD HAVE

ATTENDED INSTEAD;

C) ON ISRAEL, IRAQ TOOK STRONGLY WORDED EXCEPTION TO ISRAEL'S CREDENTIALS, DENOUNCING ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE AND EXPANSION AS THE RESULT OF "AGGRESSION";

D) ON PORTUGUESE AFRICAN TERRITORIES AND SOUTH AFRICA, ALL DELEGATIONS MENTIONED HERETOFORE INCLUDED RESERVATIONS.

3. BESIDES SOMEWHAT EQUIVOCAL STATEMENTS BY PERU AND THAILAND, REPORT ALSO INCLUDED STATEMENT BY US, AUSTRALIA, AND NICARAGUA DISAGREEING WITH AFOREMENTIONED RESERVATIONS, DEPLORING EXCESSES OF LANGUAGE AND DEVIATION FROM COMMITTEE'S TASK BY CERTAIN DELEGATIONS, AND POINTING OUT THAT RECONSIDERATION OF PRG INVITATION WOULD REQUIRE 2/3 MAJORITY UNDER RULES OF PROCEDURE.

4. REBUTTAL STATEMENTS BY CONCERNED DELEGATIONS INCLUDED A STRONG ISRAELI STATEMENT DENOUNCING IRAQ'S "GOEBBELS TACTICS", AND MODERATELY PHRASED REMARKS BY SOUT AFRICA, PORTUGAL, GVN, AND GKR. (LATTER'S AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED HOPE THAT OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD NEVER BE SUBJECTED TO A SIHANOUK OF THEIR OWN "SELLING HIS SOUL TO THE DEVIL AGAINST HIS PEOPLE'S INTERESTS FOR HIS OWN PERSONAL GAIN".)

5. TEXT OF COMMITTEE REPORT WILL BE CARRIED TO DEPT BY DELOFF NEXT WEEK.

6. DEPT PLEASE RPT OTHER POSTS AS SUITABLE.DALE

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